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SUBJECT: FRG PAPER ON BERLIN STOCKPILE

REF: BONN 20510; USBERLIN 2478

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY AND MISSION THAT ALLIES SHOULD AGREE TO FRG'S "NEW CONCEPT" FOR BERLIN STOCKPILE. WE ALSO SUPPORT MISSION'S RECOMMENDATION THAT FRG PE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SOLID FUEL STOCKS AT 12 MONTH LEVEL IN RETURN FOR REDUCTION OF OTHER STOCKS TO SIX MONTH SUPPLY.

2. IN OUR VIEW MAJOR PROBLEM INVOLVED IN FRG PLANS IS NOT DANGER OF DIFFICULTIES WITH SOVIETS BUT RATHER NEGATIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL REACTION AMONG BERLIN POPULATION ONCE IT BECOMES KNOWN THAT FRG IS SELLING OFF STOCKPILE RESERVES. WE BELIEVE THIS REACTION IS TO BE EXPECTED HOWEVER CAREFULLY THE PROGRAM IS EXPLAINED AND DEPITE ATTEMPTS TO PICTURE IT AS "RATIONALIZATION" OF SUPPLIES. IMPACT MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE LESSENED IF CARE IS TAKEN TO DISCUSS CHANGES WITH BERLIN MEDIA AND PUBLIC BEFORE REDUCTIONS ARE ACTUALLY MADE. IN DISCUSSION OF ISSUE AT DECEMBER 14 BONN

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GROUP MEETING, US REP SHOULD STRESS IMPORTANCE OF

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF SITUATION AND INQUIRE WHAT STEPS
FRG IS TAKING TO MINIMIZE PUBLIC IMPACT OF THE CHANGES. ROBINSON

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